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MEMORANDUM

TO: All EMS Agencies and General Public

FROM: Drexdal Pratt, Chief
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SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Rules of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission
10A NCAC 13P
Public Meeting Information

DATE: January 7, 2008

The Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) routinely reviews the current Rules regulating EMS and Trauma services in North Carolina. In addition, we frequently receive feedback from stakeholders regarding the current rules and how they impact the current statewide EMS system. It has been five years since the last rule revision and based on this we asked the OEMS staff and various stakeholders to provide suggestions for changes in the current EMS and Trauma rules. Mr. Graham Previer, chairman of the NC EMS Advisory Council appointed a Rules Revision Task Force at the advisory council's November 13, 2007 meeting. The task force is comprised of members of the EMS Advisory Council and other EMS stakeholders.

The charge of this Task Force is to undertake the process for receiving public comment on the recommended revisions, assist the OEMS in assuring a full consideration of all comments and recommendations received both in writing and during a series of scheduled public meetings, and then to aid the OEMS in preparing the draft version to be presented to the EMS Advisory Council.

In order to provide the opportunity for as much participation in the rules review process as possible, six public meetings are scheduled throughout the state. Two meetings will be held in each of the OEMS areas to include the Western, Central, and Eastern parts of the state. An evening meeting will be held in each area from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at one location, followed the next afternoon by a second meeting from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at a separate location within that same area. The location and time for each meeting is as follows:



Location: 701 Barbour Drive ■ Dorothea Dix Hospital Campus ■ Raleigh, N.C. 27603
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Monday, January 14th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Robeson Community College
5160 Fayetteville Road
Lumberton
A.D. Lewis Auditorium, Building 15

Tuesday, January 15th 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Forsyth Technical Community College
West Campus Auditorium
1300 Bolton Street
Winston-Salem

Tuesday, January 22nd 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
AB Technical Community College
Auditorium
340 Victoria Road
Asheville

Wednesday, January 23rd 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Catawba Valley Community College
Ferguson Auditorium
2550 US Highway 70 SE
Hickory

Monday, January 28th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Martin Community College
Auditorium, Bldg. 2
1161 Kehukee Park Road
Williamston

Tuesday, January 29th 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
James Sprunt Community College
Monk Auditorium
133 Sprunt Drive
Kenansville

Should you be unable to attend any of the meetings, written comments will be accepted from January 7 through February 1, 2008. These comments may be mailed to the Office of EMS, or may be submitted via email to Donnie.Sides@ncmail.net. All comments will be provided to the Task Force for review and consideration in the final draft document prior to the next EMS Advisory Council Meeting to be held on February 13, 2008.

The following documents are available from the OEMS web site at:

www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/EMS/rules.html

- Rules Revision Task Force Membership
- Draft 10A NCAC 13P EMS and Trauma Rules in Strike and Underline / Red Font format

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All questions and comments should be directed by mail to:

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Thank you for your support of Emergency Medical and Trauma Care in North Carolina.

cc: OEMS Staff
Rules Revision Task Force